State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, also known as Seizure Disorder, epilepsy is a neurological condition affecting nearly 3 million people of all ages in the United States, with over 2 percent of Americans developing epilepsy by the age of 75 and 1 of every 10 individuals experiencing at least one seizure in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, affecting an estimated 80,000 individuals in South Carolina, epilepsy has an annual economic impact of approximately \$220 million on our state; and

WHEREAS, increased knowledge of epilepsy can lessen feelings of isolation and lead to an improved quality of life for people who have seizure disorders; and

WHEREAS, Epilepsy Awareness Month helps educate the public about this neurological disorder, leading to a better understanding and acceptance for the people it affects.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2006 as

EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the symptoms and treatment of epilepsy.

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